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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE  
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003 for three (3) months from November 27, 2003 to February 27, 2004. An Amendment responding to the Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/HRT0228/BST in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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